

General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 5388



Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. **391**

File No. 387

Cal. No. 267

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOUPMENT OF STATE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOW WAGE EMPLOYERS."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 31-60 of the general statutes is 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
- 5 1, 2016):
- 6 (b) The Labor Commissioner shall adopt such regulations, in
- 7 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as may be appropriate to
- 8 carry out the purposes of this part. Such regulations may include, but
- 9 are not limited to, regulations defining and governing an executive,
- 10 administrative or professional employee and outside salesperson;
- 11 learners and apprentices, their number, proportion and length of
- 12 service; and piece rates in relation to time rates; and shall recognize, as
- part of the minimum fair wage, gratuities in an amount (1) equal to
- 14 twenty-nine and three-tenths per cent, and effective January 1, 2009,
- 15 equal to thirty-one per cent of the minimum fair wage per hour, and

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16 effective January 1, 2014, equal to thirty-four and six-tenths per cent of 17 the minimum fair wage per hour, and effective January 1, 2015, equal to thirty-six and eight-tenths per cent of the minimum fair wage per 18 19 hour and effective January 1, 2017, equal to forty-three and seven-20 tenths per cent of the minimum wage per hour for persons, other than 21 bartenders, who are employed in the hotel and restaurant industry, 22 including a hotel restaurant, who customarily and regularly receive 23 gratuities, (2) equal to eight and two-tenths per cent, and effective 24 January 1, 2009, equal to eleven per cent of the minimum fair wage per hour, and effective January 1, 2014, equal to fifteen and six-tenths per 25 26 cent of the minimum fair wage per hour, and effective January 1, 2015, 27 equal to eighteen and one-half per cent of the minimum fair wage per 28 hour, and effective January 1, 2017, equal to twenty-seven and three-29 tenths per cent of the minimum wage per hour for persons employed 30 as bartenders who customarily and regularly receive gratuities, and (3) 31 not to exceed thirty-five cents per hour in any other industry, and shall 32 also recognize deductions and allowances for the value of board, in the 33 amount of eighty-five cents for a full meal and forty-five cents for a 34 light meal, lodging, apparel or other items or services supplied by the 35 employer; and other special conditions or circumstances which may be 36 usual in a particular employer-employee relationship. 37 commissioner may provide, in such regulations, modifications of the 38 minimum fair wage herein established for learners and apprentices; 39 persons under the age of eighteen years; and for such special cases or 40 classes of cases as the commissioner finds appropriate to prevent 41 curtailment of employment opportunities, avoid undue hardship and 42 safeguard the minimum fair wage herein established. Regulations in 43 effect on July 1, 1973, providing for a board deduction and allowance 44 in an amount differing from that provided in this section shall be 45 construed to be amended consistent with this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	31-60(b)